

**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**February
26th,
2023**



Organ Prelude

**Ringling of
the Bell**

***Call to Worship**

L: It is not enough to say
we are people of God,

**P: If we do not stand with
God in the places of pain.**

L: It is not enough to say
we are people of God,

**P: If we do not risk traveling
with God into places of danger.**

L: It is not enough to say we are
people of God,

**P: If we do not act with God in
the places of oppression.**

**ALL: We come together, to
become people of God not in
word alone, but in deed.**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded #127

O sacred head, now wounded,

With grief and shame weighed down,

Now scornfully surrounded

With thorns, thine only crown;

O sacred head, what glory,

What bliss till now was thine!

Yet, though despised and gory,

I joy to call thee mine.

How art thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
Were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow To thank
thee, dearest Friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity
without end?

O make me thine forever, And should I
fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my
love to thee.

Be near when I am dying,
O show thy cross to me!
And, for my succor flying,
Come, Lord, to set me free.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
From thee shall never move;
For he who dies believing
Dies safely in thy love.

***Prayer of Invocation (unison)**

O divine lover of our souls, we come to this time of worship longing for relationship. As we come together as Your people, may we celebrate the mystery of Your triune nature. Creating God, renew us. Saving God, bridge the gaps of isolation and loneliness which separate us from one another and from You. Sustaining God, stir in our hearts like a mighty wind so that we might be born and born anew in You. Amen.

Gloria Patri

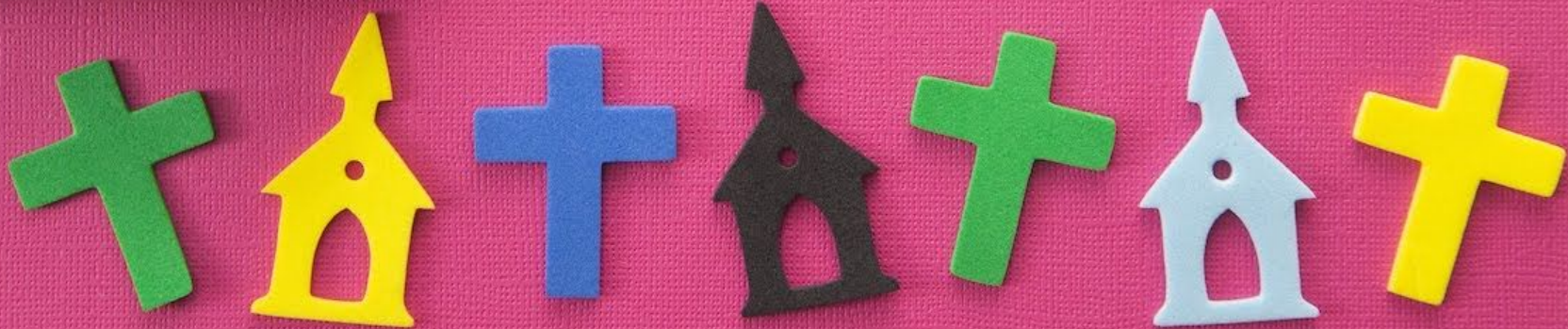
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

*Welcome
&
Announcements*



Holy
Bible

CHILDREN'S SERMON



Scripture: Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy all you upright in heart.

Matthew 4: 1 – 11

Then Jesus was led up by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,

“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone,’ ” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’ ” Then the devil left him and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Jesus Savior, Pilot Me #265

Jesus, Savior, pilot me,

Over life's tempestuous sea:

Unknown waves before me roll,

Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal;

Chart and compass come from Thee—

Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st
to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest—
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not— I will pilot thee!"

THE SERMON



When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #129

When I survey

the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of Glory died

My richest gain I count but loss

And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death
of Christ my God
All the vain things
that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head
His hands His feet
Sorrow and love
flow mingled down
Did ever such love
and sorrow meet

Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm
of nature mine

That were a tribute far too small

Love so amazing so divine

Demands my soul my life my all

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Cares Chorus

*I cast all of my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And any time I don't know what to do,
I will cast all of my cares upon you.*



Fairest Lord Jesus #140

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,

O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming
garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the
woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels
heaven can boast.

Invitation

Offertory Music

OFFERING
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD



Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

***Offering Prayer**

God of abundance, you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

On God the Spirit We Rely #149

On God the Spirit we rely;
To his great deed we testify;
All worlds are his,
all mankind shares
Creation's pow'r and
the choice it bears.

His love shall guide,
his judgments stay,

His righteous will direct our way.

He shares our humble,
human frame;

His resurrection we proclaim.

Thus bound in covenant,
we search

For ways to serve him
through his church;

By serving man where e'er is need,
Our lives from self
and death are freed.

His help we seek to face our time;

Through trial we
trust his grace divine;
Man's justice, peace,
O Church, defend;
Help shape God's
kingdom without end.



*Benediction
& Blessing*